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Date: 16/2/78 By: 023I. Military SituationHighlights

Bad weather hampered military operations as units of the US 8th Army continued to regroup and withdraw to the Chongchon River line. There are indications from air reconnaissance that the US 8th Cavalry Regiment has broken out of its previously isolated position in the Unsan area. In the Kunu area, the ROK 7th Division was heavily engaged with the enemy. In the east coast sector, elements of the US 1st Marine Division met stiff opposition near Sudong.

Ground

Heavy rainstorms followed by bitterly cold weather hampered operations as US 8th Army units continued to regroup and withdraw to the Chongchon River line. No opposition was encountered by the US 1st Cavalry and 24th Divisions but the ROK 1st Division, covering the 1st Cavalry Division's withdrawal, repulsed an enemy attack south of Sanggu. UN aircraft observed a large group of friendly troops, presumed to be the US 8th Cavalry Regiment previously isolated in the Unsan area, moving south near Sangdong. The ROK 7th Division is heavily engaged two miles northeast of Kunu with an enemy force which has also penetrated positions of the nearby US 5th Infantry Regiment. In the eastern sector, elements of the US 1st Marine Division met heavy resistance at Sudong, while other divisional elements were ambushed in three places west and northwest of Wonsan. On the east coast, the ROK Capital Division continued operations in the Kilchu area.

Navy

UN carrier-based aircraft continued to give close support to friendly troops north of Wonsan, and mine reconnaissance was

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conducted off both the east and west coasts. Mine-sweeping operations continue at Chinnampo while, in the east, the Wonsan harbor sweep has been completed. Unloading operations are proceeding satisfactorily at Wonsan and Iwon.

Air

UN air forces flew 565 sorties, including 249 combat, with close support operations given priority. UN bombers hit enemy communication targets with good to excellent results. No enemy air activity was reported.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported during the past 24 hours.

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